

**Central Coventry Fire District
Board Meeting
September 11, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
1670 Flat River Rd.**

Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

President: Fred P. Gralinski

Vice President: Marie Baker

**Directors: – Cynthia A. Fagan-Perry, Robert G. Hadley- Excused,
Maureen K. Jendzejec, Daniel K. Lantz Jr., Helen G. Quinn**

Treasurer:

Tax Collector:

Clerk: Christine Moniz

Chief: Andrew J. Baynes

President of the Union Dave Gorman

Legal Counsel Dave Dagostino

Also in attendance - members of the public, and Fire Department

Approve the minutes from August 28, 2013

Motion made to approve the minutes of August 28, 2013 minutes with the correction on the name Fisher change to Baker and also budget to expenses and was to were.

Motion made by Director Fagan-Perry and Seconded by Director Lantz

All Voted Aye.

Discussion and ratification of setting the date and procedures for the Financial Meeting was read aloud by the Boards Legal Counsel, David Dagostino

Pursuant to the Charter of the Central Coventry Fire District (“District”), and in accordance with an Order of the Superior Court (in case KB12-1150) authorizing such, a Special Meeting of said District will be held on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Coventry High School in said District. The Special Meeting is for the purpose of approving a budget for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year and for setting and approving a tax rate; also, to include consideration of a resolution to adopt a multi-tiered tax classification system for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year and for future years.

Director Fagan Perry also advised the Board that they also might add Charter Changes to the agenda. The President of the Board advised that the changes are still under discussion.

Unfinished Business – Director Jendzejec reported that they received the tax roll and the tax office and with assistance from the Town Hall are working on finalizing it. Director Jendzejec also read aloud the amount already collected. The amount collected for this current quarter as of this date was \$1,173,815.69 and total uncollected is \$809,184.50. The President also commented that as fast as the money is coming in we are spending it and we have about \$600,000.00 in the bank. Director Fagan-Perry asked if there was someone from CASE and she would like to ask them if they received the information that they were looking for from the Chief. The President stated that they will wait for public comment.

New Business – Director Quinn had spoken to the insurance company and since we returned the ladder truck we have a \$10,000 credit that we could use.

The President addressed Director Jendzejec about continuing researching the impact fees and has a sample of what East Greenwich.

Board opened the meeting to public comment.

The President asked about the update on the CASE request the two items they still did not receive are fire inspection report or emergency evacuation plans. The request was submitted on July 19th and are

due. She also turned over what CASE did receive to the Board.

Mr. Assolone had a question about the imposing of impact fees. He went on how much the sewer fees are and how much it costs to build a home from ground up. He asked to consider imposing an impact fee since it already costs about 10,000 in fees. The President stated that they are aware of the fees and will take that into consideration. The President also made a comment about the \$300,000 and when it will get paid back the judge will determine when that is paid.

The President stated that we are now open to public comment

Mr. Conrad Burns introduced himself and asked since we are holding a Special Meeting if the Board has engaged in the services of the Board of Canvassers and Director Fagan-Perry stated it will be done tomorrow. Do we have the balloting machines, also the appointment of tellers. Director Fagan-Perry stated at this point they have not appointed tellers. He also asked if they developed the rules of order. That question was directed to the Lawyer and he stated that they plan on appointing a moderator and once that is done then we will have rules of order. It asked about the budget preparation and the Board needs to get some publicity and communications out via press releases, the board needs to reach out to the people to pay the bill and approve the budget. The rumors about town needs to be addressed. Who has reviewed the tax role for the new year and what are the districts assessed valuations. That is where the town has

helped the tax office with the roll. Has the Board appointed a tax assessor the Board stated they will appoint someone. He also asked are there any reports of income and expenditures available to the public for September 11, 2012 through August 31, 2013. Does the board have the reports? Mr. Conrad stated that the Board give Mr. Land 5 days to get the reports and if not we should ask for his resignation.

Mr. Assolone wanted to know if any negotiations have been made in the changes in the union contract. He also stated his comments in distain on the wording in the Union contract and also the issue with one of the CCFD's Firefighters out on injury and he asked the Attorney General office to look into it and he wants the board to look into it.

The President did make a comment about public safety person stated in Massachechett you cannot take on another job. In RI it is a different case and you can take on another job. He did state he agreed with Mr. Asseolone.

Union President Gorman wanted to touch base on the impact fee. He wanted to make sure the Board with due diligence to investigate the fee's without allowing the comments of Mr. Asseolone to interfere. He also went on to comment about an email that went out to Judge Stern in where he stated that the Union has not made any effort to open discussion about the contract. Mr. Gorman asked if the Board

approached him to make any changes in the contract and they stated no. Mr. Gorman is sick of the Firefighters being thrown under the bus by characters like Mr. Asseolone and his get along gang and being dragged through the mud. It is the job as Board members to stick up for CCFD and they should say they have not asked the union. They have a budget to draft but yet has not had a budget meeting yet. Mr. Gorman is sick of the Boards shit and Mr. Asseolone's shit. Mr. Gorman is questioning how things are getting done. He would like to see the court orders to hire a lawyer and also to hire an attorney. The President stated what would be a normal easy decision is more difficult since we are under receivership.

Mr. Asseolone wanted to know if Union President has come to the Board to entertain discussion about the contract. He would also like to know the status of one of the CCFD FF disability.

Mr. Angell wanted to know about the court order that was going into the paper was it signed and the Lawyer stated that it was not signed. He was not sure if the Special Master wanted to add more language to the court order. The President stated we bob and weave a little bit but we are working very hard to get everything done and the court order will be signed. He also stated that the Board needs to correct any mis-information. He also stated he has a public information request and who should he give them to, and the President stated give it to Christine.

Mr. Scott wanted to know why it is taking so long to contact the union and work out an agreement.

Mr. Guthry stated he is not sure that if the Board can make any charter changes please make sure all your basis are covered before wasting money. Director Fagan-Perry stated that she is on the charter committee and that they are not changing the whole charter just a few things and that Marie, herself and Helen are on the committee and it is not up to the Board to make the changes but it is up to the public to vote on it. Mr. Guthry also had to reiterate to Mr. Asseolone what the bill he has drafted it to give the board another tool to use to get a budget passed. Mr. Asseolone disagreed with his comments.

Mr. Gorman wanted to know if any minutes been kept for all the sub-committee meetings and the President of the Board stated that they are no minutes.

Mr. Kettle got up and introduced himself and stated that he has the duty to bring up any improprieties that may occur and he can lay his head down on his pillow every night and knowing he has done the right thing.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by V.P. Baker and Seconded by

Director Quinn

All Voted Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.